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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed August 18, 2005. Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and remarks:

- (1) Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- (2) Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.